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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/337,243	MAURER, SCOTT D.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) M. Safavi. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) M. Minns. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 10 December 2002.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: Proposed new claim.

Identification of prior art discussed: Johnson et al., Hayashi et al., and Johnson.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

**MICHAEL SAFAVI  
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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Minns had argued that Johnson et al. did not disclose a "monolithic molding" or that Hayashi et al. did not disclose a "flexible" material. Examiner does not presently agree with such an assessment presented by Applicant, although Examiner will review the references with respect to any language submitted upon amendment. Further, examiner had stated that a reference is analogous if used to modify as by teaching a claimed aspect which aspect may found in a particular art, as for example, Johnson et al. teaching a release layer or Hayashi et al. and Johnson et al. teaching corona primer treatment to a foam member. Otherwise, no indication could be made as to the patentability of the proposed new claim submitted for interview..